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THE DESCENDANTS

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EDWARD HALL

—OF—

REHOBOTH, MASS.

WITH INTERMARRIAGES.

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A Family Record.

"Children's children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children, are their fathers."—Prov. 17. 6.

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It is with great hesitation that I write the following simple record, not only because the motive for such an undertaking is very likely to be misunderstood, but also because I know that those for whom it is specially designed cannot appreciate it until I am no longer here to answer the questions which occasional circumstances prompt.

Trusting to that future to make the little primer valued, I will only say that what it tells can be relied on. I regret that in the beginning of my interest in genealogical matters I noted so few authorities, caring at first only for facts established to my own satisfaction. I think, however, that I was sufficiently interested to note nothing until assured of its reliability.

There are to be found here few names of particularly distinguished men, but mention is made of many who did their duty in that state of life unto which it pleased God to call them, and they did it so well, that now, after some of them have been sleeping for more than two hundred years, in quiet New England burial grounds, their "children rise up, and call them blessed."

"True hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith, than Norman blood."

ADAMS.

1. Henry Adams, of Quincy, died 1646; buried Oct. 8.
2. Edward Adams married Lydia Rockwood.
3. John Adams married, first, Deborah; second, Susannah Breck.

Children were: Edward; John; Daniel; Eleazer; Obadiah; Jonathan; Thomas [by second wife]; Abraham [by second wife].

4. Abraham Adams married Mary Cummings.

Children were: Abraham; Eleazer; Mary, born June 27, 1744, died Oct. 18, 1812; Josiah; Susannah; Patience, married Reuben Lamb, ancestor of Mrs. Stetson; Obadiah; Jesse.

5. Mary Adams married Erastus Hamilton, Jan. 5, 1762.*
(See Hamilton.)

Pedigree of Henry Adams, of Quincy.

William the Conqueror married Matilda, or Maud, of Flanders.

Princess Gundred married William de Warren.

Lady Editha married Gerard de Gournai.

Hugh de Gournai married Melliscent de Marie.

Hugh.

Anselm.

Robert.

Anselm.

John married Lady Olivia.

Lady Elizabeth de Gournai married Sir John ap Adam.

Sir John ap Adam.

William.

Sir John.

Thomas married Lady Jane Inge.

Sir John married Melliscent, daughter of Sir Mathew Besylls, Kt.

Sir John Adams married Clara Powell, daughter of Roger Powell.

Roger Adams married Jane Elliot.

Thomas Adams married Mary Upton.

John Adams married Catherine Stebbing.

John Adams married Mary Squier.

Richard Adams married Margaret Armager.

William Adams married ——— Boringer.

Henry Adams married ——— ———.

Copied from the pedigree of Charles Francis Adams, lineal descendant of Henry Adams, through his son Joseph.

*Mary Adams, born in Brookfield, Mass., June 27, 1744; married, Jan. 5, 1762, Erastus Hamilton. Was third child and eldest daughter of Abraham and Mary [Cummings] Adams, son of John, son of Edward, son of Henry. [Signed] Andrew N. Adams, Fairhaven, Vermont, Nov. 9, 1895.

BANGS.

Edward Bangs and wife, Rebeka, landed at Plymouth in the last of July, 1623, from the ship Anne. He was born in Chichester, in 1592, and lived most of his life in America, in Eastham. He superintended the building of the first ship constructed in the Colonies, and was several times Representative and Deputy to the General Court. He used the same seal as Sir John Banks, of London.

Children among others: Jonathan, born 1640.

Jonathan Bangs married Mary Mayo. [See Mayo.]

Children among others: Thomasine, born 1678; married John Burgess. [See Burgess.]

BELCHER.

Gregory Belcher was in Braintree, Mass., in 1637; died Nov. 25, 1674. Wife, Catherine.

Children among others: Samuel, born in Braintree, June 24, 1637; died Jan. 17, 1674; married, Dec. 15, 1663, Mary, daughter of Roger Billings, of Dorchester, Mass.

Children among others: Moses [fifth child], born in Braintree, Aug. 4, 1672; died May 4, 1728; married, Dec. 19, 1694, Hannah Lyon, of Milton, Mass., and resided there until 1719, when he removed to Preston, Conn. He was a man of prominence and means, was one of the first two deacons [Dec. 20, 1720,] of the church in the North Society, now Pachany Church, Griswold. Represented Griswold in the General Assembly in 1721.

Of ten children Mehitable, the youngest, was born Nov. 4, 1718; died March 9, 1776. She married Timothy Lester, Oct. 1, 1741. [See Lester.]

Authority for Belcher: S. Cleveland, deputy for James M. Young, Town Clerk of Norwich, Conn., who consulted Griswold Records, and Judge William Belcher, of New London, Conn.

BLAKE.

John Blake, of Wrentham, Mass., died May 30, 1706; no age given. He came to Wrentham from Sandwich, but whether it was Sandwich, England, or New England is not known.

Children were: Isaac; Andrew; John; Robert, born 1676, died Oct. 4, 1735.

Robert Blake married, Jan. 7, 1702, Sarah Guild. [See Guild.]

Children were: Betty, born July 21, 1703; married, March 15, 1727, Benjamin Hall [see Halls of Rehoboth]; Sarah; Robert; Josiah; Nathan; Ezra; Hepsibah; Obadiah; Esther; Elijah.

Nathan was the hero of the "Strange Capture of Nathan Blake," so graphically told in the history of New Hampshire. Authority for genealogy, Mr. Perley Derby, of Salem, Mass.

BURGESS.

Among many sources of gratification met with in my genealogical researches, the one which has given me the greatest pride is the evident interest which my ancestors felt in matters of education, and their efforts, almost pathetic at times, to give their children every advantage in that direction. It has recalled to my mind the days of my own girlhood, when a drive of six miles, morning and evening, was not considered too long, that the advantages of a "Select School" instead of those of the common district school, might be placed at the disposal of the children of my father's family. In those days, now long past, we heard much of the great-grandmother who died just about that time. Sister of the afterwards eminent statesman, Tristan Burges, she was the sole instructor of his boyhood. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war, she was quite a young girl but old enough to know how to knit, and she had had advantages which the devotion of her father to his country, had cut off from his younger children. Many days, therefore, of the seven weary years found her sitting on the "settle" in the chimney corner, her fingers busily shaping

stockings, for the soldiers while she directed the studies of her younger brother.

Thomas Burgess, the progenitor of this family, arrived in Massachusetts not far from 1630, and lodged with his family, for some time, at Lynn. A section of land was granted him in that part of Plymouth called Duxbury, on July 3, 1637. This land he forfeited the same year, by his removal to Sandwich, where Savage speaks of him as "chief man." "His estate has never [1863] been alienated from his family, it being still owned by Benj. Burgess of the house of Benj. Burgess & Sons, of Boston."

Thomas Burgess died Feb. 13, 1685, and is said to be the only pilgrim of the first generation who had an imported marble slab, to mark his grave.

Burgess Family Records.

Thomas Burgess was Deputy to the General Court eight times, from 1642 to 1668, from Sandwich, Mass. *An. Reg. Colonial Wars*, p. 205.

Thomas Burgess married Dorthy.

Children among others: John.

John Burgess married Mary Worden, daughter of Peter Worden.

Children among others: John.

John Burgess married Thomasine Bangs, of Hardwick. [See Bangs.]

Children among others: John, born April 5, 1706.

John Burgess married, Jan. 29, 1730, Hannah Blackwell, of Sandwich, and removed to Rochester, Mass.

Children among others: John, born March 19, 1736; died Nov. 9, 1791.

John Burgess married Abigail Chace*, of Martha's Vineyard. [See descendants of Thomas Chase.]

Children were: Abraham, born Sept. 6, 1761; Hannah, born Feb. 29, 1764; Benjamin, born Oct. 31, 1765; Mary, born Nov. 1, 1767, died March 21, 1855, married, Feb. 26, 1792, John Stevens, of Rochester, Mass; Tristram, born Feb. 26, 1770; Delia, born March 26, 1772; Elizabeth, born July 10, 1775, married Thomas Vincent; Sarah, born Dec. 24, 1777.

*Abigail [Chace] Burgess, died 1830.

Following are given the families of the three children of John and Abigail [Chace] Burges, which interest me most:

Mary Burges, who married John Stevens, Feb. 26, 1792, removed to Montpelier, Vt.

Children were: John; Abigail Burges and Thankful, [twins] born August 7, 1798; Isaac; Abraham; Betsey; Sarah; Benjamin; Pardon; Diana, who married my father's cousin, Elibius Chase.

Abigail Burges Stevens, daughter of John Stevens and Mary Burges, married Josiah White, a soldier in the war of 1812. [See White.]

Children were: Ruth Gray, born Dec. 21, 1821, died July 23, 1885; Charles Stevens; Alonzo, died early.

Ruth Gray White married, May 19, 1842, Seth Paine Hall, a brother of Francis Brewer Hall, and a lineal descendant of Aquilla Chase. [See Halls of Rehoboth.]

Charles Stevens White married Delia Trowbridge, of Chicago, Ill.

Tristram Burges, third son of John and Abigail [Chace] Burges, married Mary Arnold, a niece of Benedict Arnold. Tristram was a graduate of Brown University, was at one time Chief Justice of the State of Rhode Island, and was elected to Congress in 1825. In the severe struggle which took place in Congress at that time of which he was one of the leaders, he was called the "Bald Eagle of the North."

Elizabeth Burges, fourth daughter of John and Abigail [Chace] Burges, married Thomas Vincent and removed to Plainfield, Vt.

Children were: Henry; Tristram; Isaac; Sarah; Benjamin; Hannah; George; Elizabeth; Lewis; Mary; Thomas.

Mary Vincent married Francis Brewer Hall, a lineal descendant of Aquilla Chase, of Newburyport. [See Halls of Rehoboth.]

Authority, Burgess Family Records.

BULLEYNE.

Several times, while writing this record, I have been surprised at facts which I have chanced upon, but by none so completely as that the name which heads this paragraph, should in a certain sense, belong to me. Borne by my father's earliest friend in the west, it has been to me as familiar as my own, and has been made dearer to me, since in later years I have seen more of the friend of my childhood, whose maiden name it was, and who so fully realizes all of that womanliness which her friends anticipated for her.

Samuel Bulleyne, of Dedham, married Mary, daughter of Samuel Morse and wife Elizabeth, who came to America from London in the ship Increase, Samuel aged 50, his wife 48.

Children were among others: Ephraim, born 1653; Ephraim married Grace ———.

Children among others: Mary, born ———, died ———, married John Sherman, of Watertown. [See Sherman.]

CHASE.

“Ne cede malis.”

Thomas Chase, of Hundrich, in the Parish of Chesham.

Richard Chase, of Chesham, baptised August 3, 1542, married, April 16, 1564, Joan Bishop.

Children among others: Aquilla, baptised August 14, 1580, married [perhaps] Mary Townley. [See Townley.]

Children were among others: Thomas; Aquilla, born 1618

Thomas, my ancestor on my mother's side, married Elizabeth Philbrick, daughter of Thomas Philbrick. [See Philbrick.]

Children were among others: Thomas, born 1643; Joseph, born 1645; Isaac, born 1647.

Isaac lived for some time at Hampton, but removed to Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard, where he died May 9, 1727. He married Mary, daughter of Isaac and Susannah Perkins, of Hampton. [See Perkins.]

Children among others: Thomas, born Nov. 9, 1677. The name of his wife is unknown to me.

Children among others: Abraham, date of birth unknown, married Abigail.

Children among others: Abraham, born Feb. 24, 1716, married Deliverance ———.

Children among others: Abigail, born 1740, died 1830, married Nov. 26, 1758, John Burges. [See Burgess.]

Aquilla Chase, my ancestor on my father's side, married Anne, daughter of John Wheeler, of Newbury, who came to New England from Salisbury, England, in the ship Mary and John.

Children among others: Moses, born Dec. 24, 1663, in Newbury, married Anne, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Follansbee. Moses was ensign in the Essex Regiment.

Children among others: Moses and Daniel [twins], born in Newbury, Sept. 20, 1685.

Daniel Chase married Sarah March [see March], and removed to Littleton from whence he again soon removed to Sutton, where he died April, 1768.

Daniel Chase and Sarah March were married Jan. 6, 1706.

Children among others: Samuel, born Sept. 28, 1707, in Newbury, died in Cornish, N. H., August 12, 1800.

Samuel Chase married Mary Dudley [see Dudley], and removed with his family to Cornish, N. H., on the Connecticut river, of which place he was one of the founders. He was commissioned as a Magistrate and was "Judge of ye Court of ye County of Cheshire."

Children among others: Samuel, born Nov. 28, 1728; Dudley, born August 29, 1730; Jonathan, born Dec. 6, 1732, died Jan. 14, 1800, married, Nov. 28, 1759, Thankful Sherman [see Sherman]; Elizabeth, born Nov. 23, 1735; March, born June 21, 1738.

Several daughters were born afterward.

Of the sons of Samuel Chase and Mary Dudley, Dudley Chase, who married August, 23, 1753, Alice Corbet, of Mendon, was the father of a distinguished family of sons:

Salmon, an eminent lawyer of Portland, Me.

Ithamar, a distinguished citizen of Vermont.

Philander, Bishop of Ohio and Illinois.

Ithamar married Janet Ralston, of Keene, N. H., and became the father of Salmon Portland Chase, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Jonathan Chase was my ancestor. For his first wife he married, Nov. 28, 1759, Thankful Sherman, of Grafton [see Sherman], who died August 28, 1768. He married second, Sarah, daughter of Rev. David Hall.

Children by first marriage were: Prudence, born August 5, 1760, died April 3, 1808, married, March 11, 1778, Nathaniel Hall [see Halls, of Rehoboth]; Elizabeth, born 1765, married Dr. Nathan Smith; Mary, married Ebenezer Brewer; and twin sons who died August, 1768.

Children by second marriage were: Jonathan, born Nov. 21, 1771, ancestor of Rev. George L. Chase, late Warden of Seabury Divinity School, Faribault, Minn.; David Hall; Pamela; Elibius, born Jan. 21, 1779; Sarah; Gracia, ancestress of Miss Ellen C. Torrey, of Washington, D. C.; Mary.

The following inscriptions were copied from gravestones in the churchyard at Cornish, N. H., in 1876, by Hon. Geo. W. S. Hall:

In memory of the Honorable Samuel Chase, Esqr.,
who died Aug. 12, 1800.
Ae. 90 years.

"Sweet peace and heavenly hope and humble joy
Divinely beam on his exhalted soul, with immeasurable luster bright."

In memory of Mrs. Thankful,
wife of
Col. Jonathan Chase,
who died Nov. 25, 1768, in the 29th year of her age.
Also twin sons, died Aug., 1768.

"Let not ye dead forgotten lie,
Lest men forget that they must die."

This stone is erected in the memory of
Nathaniel Hall,
who died July 18, 1809, aet. 56 years.

Sacred to the memory of
Prudence Hall,
wife of Nathaniel Hall, and daughter of
Gen. Jonathan Chase,
who died April 3, 1808.
Aet. 48 years.

In memory of Mrs. Mary Chase,
the amiable wife of the Hon. Samuel Chase, Esq.,
who died Feb. 12, 1789, in the 74th year of her age.

"Here has the grave the pious and the just.
The pattern of true wisdom sleeps in dust.
The memory of the just is blessed."

“Jonathan Chase was a prominent man for his time in the state of New Hampshire. His official papers are bound with the State Papers of New Hampshire. He enlisted April 24, 1755, under Capt. Joe. Eastern, as private in Co. 5, in a regiment of six hundred men, furnished by New Hampshire to march against Crown Point under Col. Joseph Blanchard, discharged Oct. 21.” (Authority Military History of New Hampshire, by Chandler E. Potter, page 135.) According to same authority he enlisted again. “Was Colonel at the beginning of the Revolutionary war. Marched his Regiment to Ticonderoga in May, rallied them when the Fortress fell into the hands of Burgoyne, and was on the field with his regiment when Burgoyne surrendered,” (page 306.)

In 1781 he raised a company of sixty men for defense of the western frontier, which he maintained at his own expense.

His body lies buried in the Chase burial ground at Cornish, N. H. On the stone which marks the place is the following:

Erected
In memory of Gen. Jonathan Chase,
A free and accepted Mason,
One of the first settlers of this town.
He filled a variety of offices,
with honor to himself, and advantage to the
Public.
On the 14th of Jan., 1800, departed this
Life,
In the 68th year of his age.

The above was kindly copied for me by my cousin, Mr. Dudley T. Chase, son of Elibius Chase and Nizula March, of Sutton.

When in Cornish some years ago, we had the pleasure of visiting the house of Gen. Chase, of seeing the old oak desk on which he transacted such official business as came to him, of seeing the room in which the Free Masons held their secret meetings, in the second story of the house, and the drawing room, finished exactly as it was before the Revolution.

CHICKERING.

Thomas, of Wymondham, died time of Henry VIII; married Clare.

Steven, of Wicklewood, married Anne.

Henry, of Hingsfield, County Suffolk, died 1627; Henry had two sons, Henry and Francis.

Francis married Anne.

Anne, daughter of Francis and Anne Chickering, married Stephen Paine. [See Paine.]

CHRISTIAN.

A tradition exists in this family of having descended from people of the name in the Isle of Man. Since it has come down regularly, from father to son, "time out of mind," there is little doubt that the tradition rests upon fact. But as David George Christian, of the time of Oliver Cromwell, is the earliest person to whom we can trace its origin with certainty, we must place him for the time at the head of his house, hoping ultimately to carry the line further back.

Portion of a letter written in Albany, N. Y., June 11, 1841, by David Christian, father of John:

"You wish to know a little of my history and genealogy. Our grandsire, as far as I can trace it, from my father's account, was with Cromwell, in his wars with Ireland. When Cromwell left Ireland, having conquered it, he gave to several of his soldiers, whom he left in that country, tracts of land. To David George Christian he gave the town land of Ballymoney, near Carnow, County of Wicklow. The name of his wife is unknown."

A Page from My Diary.

DUBLIN, Sept. 15, 1892.

George and I had an early breakfast this morning, and at eight o'clock were steaming off toward Carnow. We passed through most beautiful scenery. On our left lay the English Channel, on our right hills almost as high as mountains, cleft by lovely gorges and glistening waterfalls. Arrived at Wicklow, the road suddenly turned away from the sea and entered the lovely "Vale of Avoca," whose beautiful river we crossed and re-crossed many times before we reached Shilleigh, the nearest railroad town to Carnow.

Thirty-five minutes on an "Outsider" brought us from Shileleigh to Carnow, and inquiries for Ballymoney, in language which passed but indifferently in the heart of Ireland, soon convinced us that Ballymoney was the familiar way of speaking of a little tract of land called "Money" dignifying it by the prefix "Bally," meaning town.

We singled out, as well as the misty atmosphere permitted, the little tract of Money, and, guided by a boy from the Parish School, drove near it on our way to visit Mrs. Livingston and her mother, Mrs. Callahan, the latter the oldest person in the neighborhood, being something more than 90 years of age.

From them we learned that the sole surviving person of the name of Christian, in Carnow, had died about forty or fifty years ago, leaving two sons who were adopted by a family of the name of Pierson, and carried by them to America.

Returned to Carnow a fee of five shillings procured for us a glance at the Parish Register, but so old and torn was it that the only information we gained from it of any value was that, as many of the family Christian had been baptised, married and buried from that Church, they must have been protestant, Church of England people.

We shall never forget the hospitality of Mr. Preston, the village school-master, and his sister, nor their promise of the "prayers of the congregation" for next Sunday, when we shall be on the sea.

David George Christian married ——— ———.

Children among others: ——— Christian married Coughlin.

Children among others: James Christian, married Ann Houghton.

Children among others: *David Christian, married Esther Webster, of Dunnabossery, Wicklow, Ireland; James; William; Ann; Catherine.

Children of David and Esther Christian, all born in Wicklow, Ireland, were: James, born Feb. 3, 1803; Robert, born March 27, 1804; Ann, born August 23, 1805; John, born March 10, 1807, died Feb. 21, 1881, in Minneapolis, Minn.; Margaret, born July 30, 1808; Thomas, born June 9, 1810; Elizabeth,

*David, son of James and Ann Christian, baptised March 5, 1777. (Signed) Henry Rooke, Canon of Wicklow.

born March 6, 1812; David William, born Sept. 13, 1814; Mary Jane, born May 12, 1817; George Henry, born July 29, 1819.

John Christian, married, Dec. 18, 1831, in the evening, Susan Weeks, daughter of John and Susan Weeks. [See Weeks.]

Another son of the Christian-Coughlin marriage is supposed to be the person of the name of Christian, who settled in Virginia, ancestor of the many persons bearing our name in that state.

Extracts from Obituary notice of David Christian, copied from an Albany paper, bearing date April 12, 1847:

“Died in this city, March 24, David Christian, æ. 70 years. A pattern of all holiness scarcely to be paralleled in a century. A native of Ireland, he immigrated to this country in 1810, and for the last thirty-four years was a resident of Albany. He raised a family of six sons and four daughters, all of whom, with the aged partner of his joys and trials, survive him.

“He never desired or sought riches, yet always had what was needful. In his business transactions he was prompt and upright, giving to every man his due. Humility, meekness, gentleness, kindness, love, were predominant traits of his character. He was the tried friend of the slave, and of all who suffered adversity. He rests from his labors, and his works follow him.”

JOHN CHRISTIAN.

Of all the men it has been my fortune to know well, I think it may be most truly said of him whose name heads this paragraph, that he was one of “nature’s gentlemen.” Taught in no school of philosophy or rhetoric, uninstructed in the artificial rules of etiquette, his speech was always ready, and to the point, his gentleness proceeded from within. Recalling an acquaintance of something more than thirty years, during the greater part of which I stood in the near relation to him of daughter-in-law, I cannot recall one act of thoughtlessness on his part, one word which would wound the tenderest heart. Truly, to know him, was a benefit to all who had that good fortune, and his simple retiring nature made the circle rather small.

In his last years his heart turned often with longing to his old home in the South, and to his early associates there, and I think he enjoyed nothing so well as his winter visits to them.

He died in Minneapolis, Feb. 21, 1881, and was buried in Lakewood Cemetery, not far from the grave of his beloved grandchild, Caroline Ruth Christian.

THOMAS CHRISTIAN.

My mind lingers very affectionately over the name of "Uncle Thomas." In his repeated summer visits to us we learned to respect and admire him greatly. Like his brother, John, he had received only such early education as was afforded him by the public schools of Albany, and, like him, he early sought his fortune in the South. Believing himself fettered by lack of educational advantages in his youth, he at first turned his attention to mercantile pursuits with gratifying success, and would doubtless have continued in that line but for the inspiring influence of his wife.

Convinced of his natural ability, she persuaded him to begin the study of law after his marriage, and her faith in him was justified by his steady progress from the bar to the bench, and to the Chancellorship of the State of Mississippi at the time of his death. Worldly prosperity never marred the homely simplicity of his nature, and he died as he had lived, loved and honored by all who knew him.

In the early part of his life he lived at Yazoo City, Mississippi, but after his appointment as Chancellor he removed with his family to Meridian, Miss., where he and his faithful wife now lie side by side. In his death the Methodist Episcopal Church lost one of its staunchest supporters.

DAVIS.

Mathew Davis went from Roxbury, to "spy out" Woodstock, April, 1686. In the original distribution of lots, after solemn prayer, he drew lot 8, and his son-in-law, Ebenezer Morris, drew lot 7.

Mathew Davis married ——.

Children among others: Sarah, born 1671; married, Sept. 1, 1692, Ebenezer Morris. [See Morris.]

Children among others: Mary, born March 23, 1694, died May 7, 1762; married, April 16, 1718, Seth Paine. [See Paine.]

DUDLEY.

Francis Dudley, of Concord, Mass., was born about 1640. He settled at Concord about 1663, and married there Sarah Wheeler, daughter of George Wheeler, Oct. 26, 1665.

It is probable that Francis was a relative of Governor Dudley, but no effort, as far as I can learn, has ever been made to trace the line authentically. There was, according to the Dudley records, a John Dudley, who might have been the father of Francis, living in Charlestown, Mass., from 1655 to 1671. Francis Dudley was a soldier in King Philip's War, receiving one pound, twelve shillings and ten pence for his services, Feb. 29, 1675.

Children among others: Samuel, born June 27, 1682, died at the age of one hundred and nine; married, Nov. 1, 1705, Abigail King, who died 1720.

Children among others: Mary, born Feb. 21, 1716; married Samuel Chase, of Sutton, later of Cornish, N. H. [See Chase.]

Samuel Dudley lived much of his life in Sutton, Mass., where he was one of the largest landowners, and, according to the records of that place, occupied the highest seat in the meeting house, a mark of acknowledged distinction. He was the first Deputy to the General Court from Sutton.

EDMUNDSON.

——— Edmundson married Sallie.

Children among others: Sarah, born 1753, died August 15, 1816; married, first George Ormsby, second Nehemiah Williams, third Thomas Player.

Children by first marriage were: George; Richard; Robert.

Children by second marriage were: William; Susan, born March 15, 1777.

Children by third marriage were: Thomas; Sarah.

Susan, daughter of Nehemiah Williams and Sarah Edmundson, married first Allan Appoin, second John Weeks, third Stephen Swain.

Child by first marriage: Allan, died early.

Children by second marriage were: Sarah Caroline, born July 2, 1809, died May 19, 1867; married, April 5, 1827, George R. French.

Susan, born July 9, 1812, died Dec. 29, 1845; married, Dec. 18, 1831, John Christian. [See Christian.]

Child by third marriage: Stephen, died early.

EVERETT.

Richard Everett died at Dedham, Mass., July 3, 1682; married Mary.

Children among others: Sarah, born April 12, 1644, in Wrentham, died there Sept., 1675; married Cornelius Fisher, of Wrentham. [See Fisher.]

Richard Everett was ancestor of Edward Everett.

FISHER.

Anthony, born ————, died April 18, 1671; married, Sept. 14, 1635, Isabel, who died April 22, 1673.

Children among others: Cornelius, born in England, died in Wrentham, 1692, married Sarah Everett. [See Everett.]

Cornelius was Representative under the New Charter.

Children among others: Sarah, born 1668, died Nov. 2, 1750; married, Jan. 9, 1691, Benjamin Hall. [See Halls of Rehoboth.]

FOULSHAM.

Roger, of Necton, Norfolk county, England; will dated 1534.

William married Agnes Smith, alias Foulsham, of Besthorpe, Wymondham.

Adam, of Besthorpe, married Emma.

Adam married Grace, had a home in Hingham; son named John.

John, baptised in Hingham, 1615; married, Oct. 4, 1636, Mary Gilman. [See Gilman.]

Mary, born ———, died ———; married, ———, George March. [See March.]

GILMAN.

*Edward Gilman married Mary Clark.

Mary, born ———, died ———; married, Oct. 4, 1636, John Foulsham. [See Foulsham.]

The Gilmans landed in Boston, August 16, 1638; settled in Hingham, Mass.

*Edward Gilman was son of Edward and Rose [Rysse] Gilman, inhabitants of the village of Caston, Norfolk, England.

GUILD.

John Guild died Oct. 16, 1682.

John Guild married Sarah.

Sarah, born June 2, 1683, died July 30, 1757; married, Jan. 7, 1702, Robert Blake. [See Blake.]

HALLS OF REHOBOTH.

Edward Hall was one of the Proprietors of Rehoboth in 1658. His wife was Hester, or Esther, and their children, with the exception of the first two, were born in that place.

His youngest child, Benjamin, is the one who concerns us. Born in Rehoboth, August 7, 1668, he died in Wrentham, August 26, 1726; married Sarah Fisher in Wrentham, Jan. 9, 1691. [See Fisher.]

Children among others: Jehemiah and Benjamin [twins], born May 8, 1703.

Benjamin married Betty Blake, of Wrentham, March 15, 1727. [See Blake.]

About 1734 several members of both the Blake and Hall families removed from Wrentham to Keene, N. H., and the capture of Nathan Blake, told in the Colonial History of New Hampshire, took place in 1738.

Benjamin Hall was commissioned Lieutenant by the Crown and at the opening of the Revolutionary war, took an active part with his company on the side of the Colonies, but refused to sign the Association Test, and shortly after removed to Canada [1776.] His sons, Hannaniah, James and Josiah, accompanied him, the others remaining in New Hampshire and taking part in the war.

Whatever may have been the feeling in that day, one can hardly blame Lieut. Hall for his indisposition to break the oath which he must have taken on receiving his Commission under Royalty. There is evidence that his fellowtownsmen were leniently disposed toward him, as he had, in common with the rest of them, braved the Indians, endured hardships inevitable in those days, and had served in prominent places in the affairs of the colony. He was a member of the Governors' Council May 19, 1772; Nov. 24, 1772; May 25, 1773 and April 14, 1774.

His third son Nathaniel, born Nov. 16, 1753, died July 18, 1809; married, March 11, 1778, Prudence Chase [see Chase], and settled near his father-in-law, Gen. Johathan Chase, in Cornish, N. H. His house was standing there near the end of the covered bridge when we visited Cornish in 1886.

Children were: Prudence, born July 2, 1781, died Aug. 19, 1811, married Israel Chase; Sally, born Feb. 5, 1784, died March 29, 1810, married Amplius Blake, their daughter Sally Almira married Reuben Adams Lamb; Jonathan Chase, born Oct. 13, 1786, died Dec. 28, 1832, married, Nov. 28, 1810, Lydia Paine [see Paine]; Harry, born Feb. 11, 1789; Benjamin, born Oct. 20, 1791; David Chase, born Oct. 18, 1795, died April 23, 1829; George, born Feb. 12, 1800, died Aug. 21, 1800; James, born April 9, 1802, died Aug. 31, 1889, married, Oct. 31, 1825, Caroline Sumner; Libeus Chase, born May 4, 1803, died Oct. 2, 1804.

Jonathan Chase Hall married Lydia Paine, Nov. 28, 1810.

Children were: Prudence Sally, born Oct. 23, 1811, died Nov. 28, 1811; Lucia Ann, born Oct. 23, 1812, died March 18, 1815; Francis Brewer, born Nov. 11, 1813, died Feb. 13, 1892, married Mary Vincent [see Vincent Burgess]; Marcia Jane, born July 16, 1815, ————, married Sylvester Eaton; Mary Helen, born March 31, 1817, died March 1, 1872, married William Dickinson; Lydia Ann, born June 2, 1818, ————, married Frank Sturtevant; Prudence Lucia, born Aug. 29, 1819, died Jan. 11, 1848, married Dr. Nathan G. Hale; Seth Paine, born Sept. 22, 1820, ————, married, May 19, 1842, Ruth Gray White [see White.]

Authorities for the names, dates of births, deaths and marriages in the families of Nathaniel Hall, and his son Jonathan Chase Hall, are: verbal information given me by Seth Paine Hall; a letter written by Mrs. Marcia Jane Eaton, in which she sends extracts from the family record of her father, Jonathan Chase Hall, and a letter from Hon. Geo. W. S. Hall, of Baltimore, Md., in which he quotes extracts made by himself from the family record of Nathaniel Hall, found in the family Bible of Mr. Harry Hall, of Coos county, N. H., son of Nathaniel Hall, in about the year 1852.

In a life not yet advanced to what might be called old age, it has been my fortune to take many journeys, and none of them do I recall with more pleasure than the one made by carriage in the summer of 1886, from Winsor to Montpelier, Vermont. Before setting out from Winsor we had paid a short visit to Cornish, on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut river, and had seen the old Chase homestead, with its quaint architecture, or lack of it, its parlor still finished and furnished as it was before the Revolution, and still occupied by a member of the family, Mr. Simeon March Chase, who was exceedingly kind in allowing us to see the house and its many interesting relics of Colonial times. At the hotel in Winsor we had met Judge Bartlett, a gentleman advanced in years but still presiding on the bench, who could remember the old house from his boyhood, who recalled many festival occasions in which he had

as a child been privileged to take silent part, and who, greatly to my delight, had known and remembered perfectly my own grandfather, Jonathan Chase Hall. He spoke of him in terms of the highest admiration and respect, and I have since regretted that I neglected to make a note of what he told me. He spoke of the men whom Mr. Hall had befriended, and of the boys whom he had assisted to gain a start in life. Particularly of one, a Mr. Charles Lamb, living in South Royalton, a town we expected to pass through, and Mr. Lamb was kind enough, although a very old man, to arrange that I might see him, and that he might have the opportunity of telling me something of the man who had been a father to him. All along the journey it was the same. Old men and women came out to the roadside, or urged us to enter their houses, who knew and remembered him, and that not for any great distinguishing act or characteristic, but because he had been everybody's helper and friend.

As we passed through the village of Tunbridge we found his house still standing, the front door still locked as it had been in his day by placing across it a heavy bar of wood, the custom preserved by stranger occupants, because he had left it so. Of my grandfather, his youngest brother, Dr. James Hall, of Baltimore, Md., has left the following record:

"Jonathan Chase Hall, oldest son and third child of Nathaniel Hall and Prudence Chase, married Lydia Paine, of one of the best families in Vermont, and settled in Tunbridge, that state. He was a father to me from the age of ten to manhood. Was a gentleman in manners and principles, a patron of the poor and helper of the needy. * * * Being the oldest son the property at his father's death fell into his hands, but he was kind enough to break the 'entail' [employing Judge Kingsbury, of Claremont, for that purpose] and dividing the property among his brothers and sisters."

At Tunbridge through which we passed on our journey from Windsor to Montpelier, we were greatly surprised to find the burial ground almost entirely devoted to the graves of mem-

bers of the Paine family. I recognized a few names, and we copied inscriptions as fresh and clearly cut as though the stones had been put in place but yesterday:

In memory of Mark Paine, ea. 67 years, 11 ms. and 26 days.

In memory of Mr. Elijah Paine, d. July 8, 1826, ea. 44 years.

In memory of Mark Paine, d. Feb. 10, 1813, ea. 1 yr., 2 ms. and 16 days.

In memory of Hare, dau. of Seth and Lydia Paine, Oct. 31, 1800, ea. 4 yrs.

In Memory of Mrs. Lydia A. Paine, wife of Seth Paine, d. Apr. 27, 1828, ea. 72.

In memory of Seth Paine, Esq., d. Oct. 25, 1820, ea 70.

Lydia Paine Hall, relict of Jonathan Chase Hall, d. Feb. 23, 1846, ea. 60 yrs.

Jonathan Chase Hall, d. Dec. 28, 1832, ea. 46.

DOCTOR JAMES HALL.

It has always been a source of regret to me that I had not the privilege of knowing the man whose name stands at the head of this paragraph, for of him I have heard only the most enthusiastic praise; that he was good, loyal and true in all his relations with his family, just and philanthropic in his dealings with his neighbors on both sides of the Atlantic ocean. It is hardly proper in so small a pamphlet as this, to make as extended a notice as I would like to do in his case, or as was made in the editorial of the Baltimore American on the day he was buried.

I give therefore but the opening paragraph of that editorial, feeling that the kind words which a man's neighbors can say of him are of more value than volumes of praise from the outside world:

"Dr. James Hall, who died at Claremont, Elkridge, on Saturday, in the 88th year of his age, was buried in his lot in Green Mount Cemetery in this city yesterday. The funeral services were held in Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, and a large assemblage of friends and neighbors witnessed the last sad rites. It was the end of one of the most remarkable men that ever left this state for a career on another continent. It was Doctor Hall who did such wonderful work in Liberia."

HALLS OF MEDFORD.

Family of Mary Ellen (Hall) Christian.

John Hall, son of Widow Mary Hall, born in Hingham England, 1627, died in Medford, Mass., Oct. 18, 1701; married April 2, 1656, Elizabeth Green.

Children among others: Percival, born in Cambridge, Feb. 11, 1672, died in Sutton, Mass., Dec., 25, 1752; married, Oct. 18, 1697, Jane Willis. [See Willows.]

Children among others: Willis, born March 7, 1720, died April 10, 1800; married, May 15, 1746, Martha Gibbs.

Children among others: Jacob, born Feb. 2, 1749, died Dec. 22, 1840; married, Jan. 1784, Esther Richardson.

Children among others: Nathaniel, born August 5, 1805, died ———; married, June 23, 1836, Hepsibah Sleeper Lane.

Children among others: Mary Ellen, born ———, married, June 24, 1874, John Augustus Christian. [See Christian.]

HAMILTON.

John married Hannah. He is spoken of as of Concord.

Children were: Hannah; Joseph; John; Dorothy; Josiah; Nathan.

Joseph married Sarah.

Children were: Meliscent, born May 16, 1720; Joseph, born April 14, 1722; Josiah, born Nov. 17, 1724; Mary, born April 15, 1727; Sarah, born Oct. 20, 1729; Seth, born ———; Eliphalet, born Feb. 13, 1734; Nathan, born ———, married Mary Bemis; Erastus, born Sept. 25, 1741, married, Jan. 5, 1762, Mary Adams. (See Adams.)

Children of Erastus Hamilton and Mary Adams were: Eliphalet, born August 1, 1762; Susannah, born Dec. 4, 1763, died ———, married, April 22, 1781, Samuel White [see White]; Abraham; Lydia; Betsey; Suell or Sewall; Jesse; Obadiah; Jabez; Polly; Cyrus.

HUNT.

Enoch, of Weymouth.

Peter married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Henry and Judith Smith.

Sarah married Samuel Peck. [See Peck.]

Peter Hunt and Henry Smith were Deputies to the General Court of Plymouth.

JOHNS.

James Johns married Hannah. Date of will, Aug. 7, 1747.

Children among others: Rachel married John Williams. [See Williams.]

James Johns came from Charlestown, Province of Pennsylvania, to New Hanover county, N. C.

JOSSELYN.

This family affords one of the many instances where the spelling, or rather the mis-spelling of a name, has led to great confusion, many times forever separating closely allied branches of a family. Here in my note book I find it spelled to begin with Chastelyn, followed by so many ingenious arrangements of the letters, J-o-c-s-i-y-l, t and n, that I am tempted to believe that our ancestors resorted to mathematical calculations to spur their ingenuity.

James married Jane, daughter of William Chastelyn.

Henry married ———, daughter of Sir John Hyde, Kt.

Ralph married Maud, daughter of Sir John Hyde, Kt.

John married Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Bartell.

Thomas married Maud.

Thomas married Alice, daughter of William Lestor.

Ralph married Maud, daughter of John Sutton alias Dudley.

Jeffrey married Margaret, daughter of Robert Rockwell.

Thomas married Maud, daughter of Adam Brancktell.

Jeffrey married Katherine, daughter of Thomas le Bray.

Children were: Sir Thomas Josselyn; Thomas Josselyn; Sir Ralph Josselyn, Mayor of London in the fourth year of Edward the Fourth, Knight of the Bath and Seile.

Thomas, the second son, married Alice, daughter of Lev Ouke.

Children among others: Ralph married ———, daughter of ——— Bardolfe.

Children among others: Ralph married Katherine, daughter of Richard Martyn; John married Philip, daughter of William Bradary, Esq., died in the 17th year of the reign of Henry the Eighth.

Children of John and wife Philip, among others: Sir Thomas, of Hyroodin, County Essex, married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Jeffrey Gattes.

Children were: Leonard; Thomas; John; Richard married first Alice, daughter of John Shalton, second Ann, daughter of Le Boyre of Lucas, of Le Boyre; Mary; Jane; Leonard; Thomas; Edward; Henry.

Richard and Ann le Boyre had the following children: John; Richard, born 1579, married Johne, daughter of Robert Atkinson; Jone; Mary; Rebecca.

Edward, ninth child of Sir Thomas and Dorothy Gattes married ——— Lamb, of Middlesex.

Children were: Henry; Thomas; Jane; Dorothy; Ann Elizabeth; Margaret.

I have omitted much from this pedigree. It is given in the New England Genealogical Register, volume 14, page 307, in connection with the name of Thomas Jostlin, who came to New England in the ship Increase, in company with his wife, Rebecca, and his children: Rebecca, age 18; Dorothy, age 11; Nathaniel, age 8; Eliza, age 6; Mary, age 1.

Nathaniel Jostlin married Sarah King, daughter of Thomas King, and their daughter, Martha, married Isaac Temple. (See Temple).

LESTER.

Andrew Lester was in New London [where he had a grant of land made to him by the townsmen], Oct. 19, 1650. He came from Gloucester, Cape Ann. His first wife, Barbara, died Feb. 2, 1653 or 4. She was the first white woman who died on the plantation. Lester married twice after her death, but Barbara was the mother of his first two sons; Lester died after Oct. 14, 1669.

Children were: Daniel, born April 15, 1642, died Jan. 16, 1746; Andrew, born Dec. 26, 1644, died 1708.

This Andrew is supposed to have married one of the Avery family, of Groton, but as far as I know, no one has tried to learn from the Groton Records if the supposition be correct. He was one of the Proprietors of New London by virtue of a deed given by Robert Treat, Oct. 14, 1704. He was Deputy to the General Court for New London, Oct. 12, 1693; Feb 7, 1693-4; Oct. 10, 1695; Oct. 8, 1696; May 13, 1697; May 11, 1704; May 10, 1705; May 9, 1706, for Groton, sergeant, 1704.

Lester Tower, Fort Griswold and Groton Records attest the patriotic valor of the Lesters in the defense of those places, and homesteads are still standing which have stood for generations back, with certain rooms in much the same condition as before the Revolutionary war.

Andrew, born ———, died May 22, 1751; married, Dec. 28, 1714, Lydia Starkweather. [See Starkweather.]

Children among others: Timothy, born August 17, 1718, died ———; married, Oct. 1, 1741, Mehitable Belcher. Timothy Lester was Deputy to the General Court from Preston, Oct. 2, 1771; Oct. 13, 1764; May 8, 1763; ensign, May, 1763. [See Belcher.]

Children among others: Lydia, born March 26, 1756, died April 27, 1828; married, Nov. 17, 1774, Seth Paine. [See Paine.]

Authority for last date, old Paine family Bible.

MARCH.

Hugh, born ———, died ———; married Judith.

Children among others: George, born ———, 1646, married Mary Foulsham, June 12, 1672, died ———.

On Aug. 13, 1687, Robt. Mason petitioned Gov. Andros to commission George March as Cornet player for the military company of Newbury.—*History of Newbury, page 149.*

Children among others: Sarah, born July 6, 1685, married, Jan. 6, 1706, Daniel Chase, Newbury. [See Chase.]

MAYO.

Rev. John Mayo, first of Barnstable, removed to Eastham thence to Boston where he was installed first minister of the Second or Old North Church. He was dismissed at an advanced age, having served for more than twenty years with Increase Mather. He went to Barnstable then to Eastham and Yarmouth, spending the residue of his life with his different children. His wife, Thomasine, died Feb. 26, 1682. Uncertain if she was his wife in England.

Children among others: Samuel married Thomasine Lumpkin.

Children among others: Mary, born ————, died 1711 married Jonathan Bangs. [See Bangs.]

Thomasine Lumpkin was daughter of William Lumpkin, of Yarmouth, and Thomasine his wife.

AUNT MARY MERRY.

Of her whose name heads this paragraph I remember a very sad little story which I used to hear in my childhood, of how, in her old age her two sons went to sea with their uncle, Capt. Luce. After they had been gone some months the poor old mother dreamed that she saw them coming up the garden walk, with faces so transfigured that she knew upon awakening that they must be dead, and so informed her neighbors and friends. When the ship came home Capt. Luce knew by his record that their death had occurred on the night of the mother's dream.

MORRIS.

Edward Morris was probably son of Thomas and Grissie Morris, Waltonwolly, Cress Abbey, Essex county, England. He was born Aug., 1630; baptised Aug. 8, 1630; married, Nov. 29, 1655, Grace Burr. Some authorities give her name as Bett, but it is probably an error in spelling. Edward Morris died Sept., 1689.

He was Deputy to the General Court from 1678 to 1686, inclusive. Ref. Record of Mass., 1674 to 1686, Vol. V, p. 184, May 9, 1678; p. 210, May 28, 1679; p. 260, Feb. 4, 1679; p. 265, May 19, 1680; p. 322, Jan. 4, 1680; p. 308, May 11, 1681; p. 351, May 24, 1682; p. 407, May 16, 1683; p. 420, Nov. 7, 1683; p. 437, May 7, 1684; p. 475, May 27, 1685; p. 514, May 22, 1686.

He was the first military officer of New Roxbury, or Woodstock, being chosen by the inhabitants to serve as Lieutenant, July 8, 1689, endorsed by John Chandler, Joseph Bugbee and Benjamin Sabin. Confirmed by Ebenezer Prout, Clerk, July 13, 1689. Consented to by the Governor, July 13, 1689; Ira Adlington, Secretary.

Mrs. Grace [Burr] Morris died at Roxbury, June 6, 1705.

Lieut. Ebenezer Morris, son of Lieut. Edward Morris, born at Roxbury, April 14, 1664, died at Woodstock, Feb. 26, 1777, aged 54 years; married, Sept. 1, 1692, Sarah, daughter of Mathew Davis, of Roxbury. [See Davis.]

Mrs. Morris died April 18, 1741, aged 70.

Children among others: Mary, born May 23, 1694, died May 7, 1762; married, April 16, 1718, Seth Paine. [See Paine.] Authority, Morris Genealogical Record.

PAINE.

"Toujours Peine."

Stephen Paine, the founder of the Rehoboth branch of the family, came from Great Ellingham, near Hingham, Norfolk county, England. The name of Payne and Payn appears upon the records of Norfolk as early as 1343. Stephen was a miller by occupation, and came to America in the ship Dilligent, in company with a large party from Hingham and vicinity. He brought with him, as the Plymouth Colony records show, his wife Rose, three sons and four servants. It is presumed that one of his sons died soon after the arrival of the Dilligent, as no further mention of him is made.

Mr. Paine first settled at Hingham, Mass., where he was a man of prominence, being elected Representative in 1641. In 1641 or 2 he asked leave, with several others, to "sit down" at Seacunk, afterward Rehoboth, where he removed in 1643, and where he served for several years as Deputy, or, as the record quaintly expresses it, "he was chosen to certify the Town's

mind," from 1645 to 1660, and at various times thereafter until 1671. Ref. Plymouth Colony Records, Vols. 3 and 4; p. 37, June 1, 1663; p. 60, June 8, 1664; p. 90, June 7, 1665; p. 132, June 5, 1666, etc. It has been difficult at this time, and distance from records, to separate the proofs of the official services of Stephen Paine, father and son. They were contemporaneous, and served in the same capacity as Deputy.

The father died Aug., 1679, having outlived both his sons.

Stephen Paine, Jr., was born in Norfolk, Eng., in 1629, and was about nine years old when he came with his family to America. He was a tanner by occupation, and resided near his father in Rehoboth. He was an active participant in King Philip's war, contributing 10 pounds, 11 shillings and 5 pence to its expenses, and his personal services, under William Bradford, when Bradford held the rank of Major.

Stephen Paine, Jr., married Anne, daughter of Francis Chickering, of Dedham, and died at Rehoboth, Jan., 1677 or 8.

Children were among others: Samuel, born May 12, 1662, died at Woodstock, May 11, 1735; married, Dec. 16, 1685, Anne Peck, of Rehoboth. [See Peck.]

Children were among others: Seth, born Aug. 20, 1690, died Jan. 18, 1772.

Seth Paine was an early inhabitant of Pomfret, Conn., and the progenitor of the Vermont Paines. Himself a man of education, and his sons graduates of Yale, he gave of his means for the establishment of libraries and schools, and was much interested in the advancement of knowledge. Seth Paine was Deputy to the General Court, Oct. 14, 1736; May 10, 1739.

He married, April 16, 1718, Mary Morris [see Morris], who died Jan. 17, 1778.

Children among others: Seth, born May 21, 1719, died Feb. 23, 1792; married, Nov. 1, 1749, Mable Tyler, daughter of Daniel Tyler, of Pomfret or Preston.

Seth Paine was a man of strong intellectual powers, and a leading character in the town where he lived. He was Deputy to the General Court six terms and a member of the State Convention for the ratification of the Constitution of the United States, and voted in its favor in 1788. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elijah Paine, is authority for the statement that he held the rope for Putnam when he entered the

wolf's den. The following amusing letter is addressed to his son, Elijah [afterward Judge Elijah Paine, of Vermont], while that son was a student at Harvard.

“Mr. Elijah Paine, Cambridge, Son Elijah:—I shall expect you at home in about a month. Shall be glad if you will bring me an account of the price of Rie, Rie flour and Wheat flour when you leave Cambridge, and what the price is likely to be about the 8th or 10th of Aug., for I must carry a load down to raise 40 or 50 dollars if it will fetch anything. * * * I am your father,
SETH PAINE.

Pomfret, June 16, 1783.

Mrs. Mabel [Tyler] Paine died Feb. 21, just three days before her husband. As yet I have been unable to trace the Tyler family. They lived in Pomfret, and intermarried with the Paines and Putnams. Seth Paine and one of Gen. Putnam's sons married sisters.

It is with regret that I have had to relinquish the hope of finding Seth Paine's Revolutionary record, since from his relations with the Putnams, and from his being a member of the Ratification Congress I am sure he must have served in the war; but the roll of Putnam's first regiment is lost, and with it the names of many patriots in Connecticut.

The children of Seth Paine and Mabel were: Seth, born Aug. 23, 1750, died Oct. 25, 1820, married, Nov. 17, 1774, Lydia A. Lester [see Lester]; Mary, born May 4, 1753; John, born March 21, 1755; Elijah, born Jan. 21, 1757, who became Judge Paine, of Vermont; Ebenezer, born Aug. 23, 1758; Sarah, born May 27, 1760; Amasa, born May 27, 1762; Anne, born March 20, 1764; Daniel, born Jan. 29, 1767.

The children of Seth Paine and Lydia Lester were: Mehit-able, born Dec. 19, 1775, died May 4, 1778; Horatio; born Oct. 22, 1777, died April 27, 1778; Mehit-able, born Feb. 17, 1779, died April 13, 1779; Joeeph, born July 1, 1780, died May 9, 1811; Elijah, born July 27, 1782, died July 6, 1828; Lydia, born April 27, 1786, died Feb. 23, 1846.

Married Nov. 28, 1810. Jonathan Chase Hall. (See Halls of Rehoboth.)

Mary, born Dec. 17, 1788, died Dec. 1823; married as his second wife, Amplus Blake.

Rebekah, born Oct. 27, 1790.

Hare, born Sept. 28, 1796, died Oct. 13, 1800. Copied from Paine family bible.

Seth was a farmer and lived in Tunbridge, Vermont, where he was much respected. Of him, his granddaughter, Mrs. Marcia J. Eaton, writes: "He died so early in my life that I cannot recall much concerning him, except his love and kindness for us little ones. But I can never forget his noble face and fine form, his dress in the then prevailing fashion for old men, breeches, long stockings, etc. By occupation a farmer, but always holding offices which proved he possessed the respect and confidence of the people, dignified and honorable, the opinion of Esquire Paine had its full weight and influence."

PALMER.

William and Francis Palmer came from Gt., Ormsby county, Eng. William came in the ship *Fortune*, bringing with him his son, William, the mother following two years later in the *Anne*.

William married Grace Coolidge, daughter of Thos. and Elizabeth Coolidge. Their daughter Martha married John Sherman. [See Sherman.]

William Palmer was commissioned under Miles Standish as Lieutenant in a company raised for offensive and defensive war against the Indians, by the General Court, of which he was a member, Sept. 27, 1642. *Freeman's Cape Cod*.

PECK.

John, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Mulgrave.
 Thomas, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Middleton.
 Robert, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Tunstall.
 Robert, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Musgrawe.
 John, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Watford.
 Thomas, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Blaxton.
 Thomas, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Littleton.
 John, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Carre.
 John, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Flamming.
 John, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Wemborne.
 Richard, of Belton, Yorkshire, married Bruning.
 Richard, of Hesden, Yorkshire, married Saville.
 Thomas, of Hesden, Yorkshire, married Bradley.
 Richard, of Hesden, Yorkshire, married Hesselden.

John, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, married Isabel Lacie, of Brompleton.

Richard, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, married Joan Harrington.

Richard, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, married Alice, daughter of Sir Peter Middleton.

John, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, married Joan, daughter of John Aune, of Trickley.

Robert, of Beckcles, married Norton.

Robert, died 1593, aged 47; married Helen, daughter of Nicholas Babbe, of Guildford.

Joseph, of Hingham, Norfolk, baptised April 30, 1587; married second.

Samuel, baptised Feb. 3, 1638; married, Oct. 27, 1673, Sarah Hunt. [See Hunt.]

Anne, born Dec. 22, 1667; married, Dec. 16, 1685, Samuel Paine, of Rehoboth. [See Paine.]

Joseph Peck came in the Diligent, with Samuel Paine, bringing with him his wife, three sons, one daughter, two men and three maid servants, from old Hingham, Norfolk county, England.

PERKINS.

John of Ipswich, and Abraham and Isaac of Hampton, were born it is supposed in Newent, Gloucestershire, Eng.

Isaac, born 1612 or 13, died Nov. 13, 1685; married Susanah.

Children among others: Mary, born July 23, 1658, married Isaac Chase, of Hampton.

PHILBRICK.

Thomas Philbrick is said to have come from Lincolnshire, Eng. Old records state that he and his family arrived in New England in 1630, coming on the ship Arabella. He first settled in Watertown, but eventually moved to Hampton. His second wife, Elizabeth, died Dec. 19, 1663, and he died in 1667. His fourth child, Elizabeth, married Thomas Chase. [See Chase.]

SHERMAN.

The Shermans of this country derived their name from the occupation of their ancestors, that of shearers or dressers of cloth. The family at Dedham retained not only the occupation but the "coate" of their progenitors.

Henry Sherman, of Dedham, Essex county, Eng., probably removed to Dedham from Suffolk, as he bore the Suffolk Sherman arms. The christian name of his wife was Agnes, and she died 1580; he died 1589.

Children among others: Henry married Susan Hills.

Children among others: John, born Aug. 17, 1585, in Dedham, Eng. Name of wife not satisfactorily ascertained.

Children among others: John, born in Dedham, Eng., 1604, died in Watertown, Mass., Jan. 25, 1691.

John came to America with his father and settled in Watertown. He was an educated man; was admitted freeman, May 17, 1637. Was Town Clerk in 1648, and often afterward served in the same capacity. He was Deputy in 1651, 1663 and 1680; Ensign in 1654; Captain in 1680, and Steward of Harvard College in 1662. His wife was Martha, daughter of William and Grace Palmer. [See Palmer.]

Children among others: Joseph, born May 14, 1650, died June 30, 1731. Was Selectman, a Deputy often. Married Elizabeth Winship. [See Winship.]

Children among others: John, born Jan. 11, 1675, in Watertown; was a first settler in Marlboro. He married Mary Bulley. [See Bulley.]

Children among others: Ephraim, born March 3, 1710; settled in Grafton, and married, May 16, 1733, Thankful Temple. [See Temple.]

Authority, N. E. Gen. and Hist. Reg., Vol. 24.

Children among others: Thankful, born ———, died Aug. 28, 1768; married, Nov. 28, 1759, Jonathan Chase. [See Chase.]

STARKWEATHER.

Robert, of Roxbury, is supposed to have been the first immigrant, or he may, says Dr. Savage, be a son of John of Plymouth; married Jeanette Roberts.

Children among others: John, born 1646, died Aug. 21, 1703. He is first mentioned in Preston, [Conn.,] records in 1694. He was selectman in Preston in 1698, and member of the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1702. Married in Ipswich, Ann ———, who died 1727. Their daughter, Lydia, born ——— 1692, died May 1, 1760; married, Dec. 28, 1714, Andrew Lester. [See Lester.]

Authority: S. Cleveland, Deputy Clerk of Norwich, Conn., who consulted Preston Records, Preston City Graveyard, and Savage's Genealogical Records.

Jeannette Roberts was daughter of John, who came to Roxbury from Wales.

STEVENS.

It has been impossible for me thus far to trace this family further than Timothy [dates of birth and death unknown], who married, March 21, 1716 or 17, Mary Clark. Of their children I have the names of two, viz.: John and Isaac. John was born Sept. 1, 1733, died Aug. 28, 1808.

Name of wife unknown.

His son John [dates of birth and death unknown*], married, March 26, 1791, Mary Burges. [See Burgess.]

TAY.

William Tay, born 1608, died 1683, lived in Boston; married Grace Newell†, Sept. 14, 1644.

Children among others: Grace, born ———, died ———; married Thomas Willows. [See Willows.]

*John was born ———, 1764, died Nov. 24, 1844.

†Grace was daughter of Abraham Newell.

TEMPLE.

Leofric, Earl of Mercia, married Countess Godiva, of Coventry, died 1027.

Algar, Earl of the East Saxons, died 1059.

Edwin, Earl of the East Saxtons.

Edwin or Henry, sometimes called Earl of Lester, supposed to be Henry de Temple, Lord of Temple and Little Sheppy, time of William the First.

Geofrey.

John, time of Henry the First.

Henry married Maude, daughter of Sir John Ribbesford.

Henry, time of King John.

Richard married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Langley, living in 1292.

Nicholas married Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Corbett, of Sibton, County Leicester, living in 1322.

Richard married Joan, daughter of William Sheppy, County Leicester.

Thomas, of Witney, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Gedney, Esq.

William married Isabel, daughter of Henry Everton.

Thomas married Alice, daughter of John Heritage, of Burton Dorset, County Warwick.

Peter married Melicent Jekyl, of Newington, County Middlesex. Peter died May 28, 1577.

Children were among others: John; Anthony.

Authority, N. E. Gen. and Hist. Reg., Vol. 10, p. 75.

John Temple of Stowe, married Susan, daughter of Thomas Spencer, of Everton, County Northampton. Son.

Thomas, of Stowe, was created Baronet. His will is dated Feb. 4, 1632; proved March 13, 1637. He married Esther, daughter of Myles Sandys, of Latimer, County Bucks, who died 1656, having had thirteen children. Richard Temple, of Charlestown, is probably one of those children.

Richard Temple, probably from Salem, was at Charlestown in 1648 or 50. He removed to Concord about 1650. Married Joanne.

Children were: Abigail, born May 15, 1647, married Thomas Saybrook, 1669; Richard, born Oct. 15, 1647 [these two at

Charlestown]; Isaac, born ———, 1657; Abraham, date of birth not given, married Deborah Hadlock, sometime in 1673.

Children were: Isaac, born in Concord, 1678, married Martha Joslin [see Josselyn]; Richard; Abigail; Mary; Joseph; Abraham.

Isaac Temple and Martha Joslin were the parents of Thankful Temple, who married Ephraim Sherman, May 16, 1733. [See Sherman.]

Authorities: Hist. of Concord, p. 385; Wyman's Gen. and Estates of Charlestown, p. 937; Hutchins' Hist. of Mass., p. 190; A Gen. Reg. of the First Settlers of New England, p. 283; Hist. of Farmingham from 1640 to 1847, p. 417, by William Barry; Hist. of Marlboro, Mass., p. 457.

TOWNLEY.

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Spartinglus, first recorded Dean of Whalley, A. D. 896 [time of Alfred the Great].

Licolphus, second recorded Dean of Whalley, acquired the name of Cutwolp, by cutting off the tail of a wolf, while hunting in Rosendale.

Cudwoolphus, third recorded Dean of Whalley.

Henricus, fourth recorded Dean of Whalley.

Robertus, fifth recorded Dean of Whalley.

Galfridus, sixth recorded Dean of Whalley.

Galfridus, seventh recorded Dean of Whalley.

Richard de Townley married Cecelia.

Cecelia de Townley married John de Legh.

Richard de Townley married Elena.

John de Townley married Isabel Buxton.

Richard de Townley married Alice.

John de Townley married Isabel Sherburne.

Children were: Richard married Jane Southworth; Lawrence married ———.

The children of Richard de Townley and Jane Southworth were: John married 1562; Barnard died 1602, married Agnes Ormeroyd; John, of Hurtswood, married Eleanor Haycock; Mary married ———.

The children of Lawrence, son of Richard and Jane de Townley were: Henry married 1559, Anne Catherall; Lawrence

married Helen Hesketh; Richard died 1630, married Alice Braddyl.

The children of Richard and Alice de Townley were: Mary, Jane, Anne.

Pedigrees of County Farms of England, Vol. 1; Foster. I give the above because there seems to be no good authority for disputing the marriage of Aquilla Chase and Mary Townley, and and because there seem to have been two Marys Townley, either of whom he might have married, as far as age or worldly position are concerned, and whose marriage with any one else, search has failed to reveal.

WEEKS.

I am sorry not to be able to say more as yet of the young ship carpenter, John, of the above name, who went from Onslow to Wilmington sometime in the first decade of this century, and married, as her second husband, Sarah [Williams] Appoin. He showed, during his short life, much of the enterprising spirit which has characterised his descendants, accumulating a large fortune, with which he bought a handsome property in the southern part of the city, built a railroad to the dry docks and several good houses. He was just building a new house for his residence, when he fell into the hands of dishonest men, and through them lost his entire property. Chagrined and disappointed he enlisted in the war of 1812, and died of camp fever, at Norfolk, Sept. 3, 1815, aged 31 years.

The date of his marriage with Mrs. Susan Appoin is not now ascertainable. They had the following children: Sarah Caroline, born July 2, 1809, died May 19, 1867; Susan, born July 9, 1812, died Dec. 29, 1845.

Sarah Caroline married, April 5, 1827, in Wilmington, George R. French.

Susan married, Dec. 18, 1831, in the evening, at Wilmington, N. C., John Christian. [See Christian.]

See also marriage settlement, bearing date Dec. 17, 1831.

WHITE.

The first distinct trace of Samuel White which I can find is his enlistment Jan. 1st, 1781, from the first precinct of Brookfield, Mass., to serve for three years in the Revolutionary war, at the age of nineteen. He had enlisted before, as I learn from his pension record, on March 15, 1777, in Capt. McCall's Company, Col. Wigglesworth's Regiment, place of enlistment not stated. The Massachusetts' Rolls give an enlistment which the Secretary of State thinks refers to this Samuel, as from Capt. Josiah White's Company to the credit of Spencer, and it is possible that he may be that Samuel who was born in that place to John White, Feb. 17, 1762. Since that date would compare with what I know of his history, and with his age at nineteen, or nearly so, in 1781.

He married on the 22d day of April, 1781, according to Brookfield records in the safe in the rooms of the Historical Society in Boston, Susannah Hamilton, of Brookfield. His parents had died while he was but a child, or so at least it is supposed, for he went to live with his grand uncle, Josiah White. There is a tradition that he had two brothers, John and Benjamin, and a half brother named Enos West, who lived for a time in Providence, R. I., and removed later to New Orleans, where he was murdered by pirates.

Children of Samuel White and Susannah Hamilton were: Polly married William Templeton; Loriania married John Templeton, cousin to William; Sewall married Hannah Butterfield; Lucy married Levi Templeton, brother to William; Clarissa married James Dodge; Josiah, born 1794, died Thanksgiving day, 1837, married, Oct. 3, 1820, Abigail Burges Stevens [see Stevens]; Celia married John Moore; Jesse, born 1798, married Lovisa Tucker; Leonard; Samuel; Susan married Adolphus Andrews; Priscilla married Sidney Wheeler.

When Prisceilla was six months old her mother died, and Mr. White married for his second wife, Deidema Wakefield Crossman, and had two children, Enos and Silas. He lived at Pekin, on what has since been known as the old Sheldon farm. He had to work by the day to purchase his first seed grain, and to carry his grist to mill at Peacham on his back. His farm,

when he first moved to it, was a wilderness, his only team, one of oxen. He died July, 1839. His army record gives the day as the 13th, his granddaughter's letter, which is authority for the most that I know, gives the 30th.

Susannah Hamilton, first wife of Samuel White, was a lineal descendant of Henry Adams, of Quincy. [See Hamilton.] She had a better education than most of her neighbors, and I have been told that they used to come evenings from miles around to hear her read.

This family preserved a record of the persons who came to America in the Mayflower, and believed themselves to have descended from William White.

I have often heard my mother speak of the honors bestowed upon Sargeant White by his neighbors, in acknowledgment of his faithful services in the Revolution. On one occasion, the visit of La Fayette to Montpelier, Mr. White and some of his revolutionary comrades were given a special carriage in the procession, from which the horses were detached, and the carriage drawn by enthusiastic men and boys amid the wildest applause.

RUTH GRAY WHITE.

In speaking of John Christian I have tried to express what I sincerely felt regarding his exalted character of gentleman and friend, and beside him, setting forth in its most graceful form, all that is sweetest, gentlest and noblest in womanhood, I proudly place my dear mother. At home or abroad, in situations of pleasing or of trying character, I never saw her anything but an innate gentlewoman. Like her grandmother, Susannah Hamilton, she had had a better education than most of her neighbors, and, like her, she loved to give to everyone an opportunity of enjoying its results with her. She felt it a great hardship that our servants often had no opportunity of learning to read, and I can well remember her frequent visits to her kitchen for the purpose of instructing them in that art.

I am not sure that there was a school of any kind near our

home, in an early day in Wisconsin, and if there was I am sure my dear mother did not approve of it, for she was our sole teacher, not only instructing us, but writing for our use the text-books which we studied.

The shifting sands of Lone Mountain cover her body's last resting place. Her spirit, I am sure, stands in that blessed Presence which we are told is reserved for the "Pure in Heart," and I sincerely hope that her child of gentle nature, who followed her into that Heavenly Kingdom, stands beside her.

WILLIAMS.

John Williams married Rachel Johns. [See Johns.]

Children among others: Nehemiah married Mrs. Sarah [Edmundson] Ormsby. [See Edmundson.]

Children were: William, born ———, removed in an early day to Tennessee; Susan, born March 13, 1777, died July 23, 1849, married, second, John Weeks. [See Weeks.]

She was confirmed in Saint James Episcopal Church, Wilmington, N. C., by Bishop Moore, April 28, 1822. Her family had been Episcopalians since their coming to the colony and previously in England, attest the wording of the will of John Williams.

WILLOWS.

This name is spelled on Cambridge records Willow, Willows, Willoes, never Wyllys or Willis.

George Willow, born in England about 1602, came to Cambridge about 1628. Married Jane Palfrey [widow].

Children among others: Thomas, born Dec. 28, 1638, died Aug. 14, 1725, married Grace Tay.

Jane, born Oct., 1677, died Oct. 28, 1757, married Percival Hall [see Halls of Medford].

WINSHIP.

Edward and his wife, Elizabeth, were in the Colonies in 1638. Their daughter, Elizabeth, born April 15, 1652, married, Nov. 18, 1673, Joseph Sherman [see Sherman].

REVOLUTIONARY RECORD.

John Burges appears with the rank of Lieutenant on the Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. Edward Hammond's Company, Col. Theophilus Cotton's Regiment, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Rochester, Mass. Town to which soldier belonged, Rochester; length of service, seven days.—*Mass. Rolls, Vol. 12, p. 130.*

Col. Jonathan Chase. In the winter of 1755, New Hampshire furnished a Regiment of men to march against Crown Point, Col. Joseph Blanchard. Jonathan Chase enlisted in Company 5, Capt. Joe. Everton, April 24, discharged Oct. 21.—*Military History of N. H., by Chandler E. Potter, p. 13.*

At the beginning of the Revolution he held the rank of Colonel, and took a prominent part. He marched his Regiment to Ticonderoga, in May, rallied them when that fortress fell into the hands of Burgoyne, and was in the field with his men when Burgoyne surrendered.—*Same author, p. 306; also, Heitman's Register.*

Nathaniel Hall was Private in Col. Jonathan Chase's Regiment, May 7, 1777, Vol. 2, N. H. State Records, p. 15. He was Sergeant in same Regiment, discharged June 11, 1777, p. 138. He was Lieutenant in same Regiment, Sept. 21, 1777, discharged Oct. 23, 1777, p. 373.

Erastus Hamilton appears with rank of Private, on Lexington Alarm Rolls of Capt. Ithamar Wright's Company, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Brookfield. Town to which soldier belonged, Brookfield; length of service, seven days. Returned home April 22.—*Mass. Rolls, Vol. 13, p. 199.*

Appears among a list of men who served to the credit of the Third Precinct of Brookfield, dated June 30, 1778. Credited with three and one-fourths months' service, Vol. 4, p. 59½. Appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Hamilton's Company. Time of enlistment, Jan. 1, 1779; time of discharge, Feb. 12, 1779. Time of service, one month, thirteen days. Town to which soldier belonged, Brookfield; Service, guarding stores at Brookfield, under Lieut. Joseph Olmstead. Company of Volunteers out of said Hamilton's Company from Third Precinct, in Brookfield.—*Vol. 3, p. 38.*

John Stevens' name appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll on Capt. Nathaniel Hammond's Company, Col. Ebenezer Prout's Regiment, for service in Rhode Island, on an alarm. Time of service, fifteen days, probably in Dec. 1776. Marched from Rochester.—*Mass. Rolls, Vol. 2, p. 93.* Appears with rank of Musician on Muster Roll of Capt. Joseph Parker's Company, Col. Ebenezer Prout's Regiment, for January, February and March, dated Feb. 13, 1778. When appointed or enlisted, Jan. 9, 1778; time of service, three months. Stationed at Rhode Island.—*Mass. Rolls, Vol. 49, p. 60.*

Samuel White enlisted, March 15, 1777, for three years in Capt. McNoll's Company, Col. Wigglesworth's Massachusetts Regiment. Served out his term of enlistment, and on Jan. 1st, he again enlisted for three years in Capt. Woodbridge's Company, Col. Brooks' Massachusetts' Regiment. He was discharged at West Point, N. Y., about Oct. 15, 1783. Extract from report of Pension Bureau, dated Washington, Jan. 20, 1892. [Signed] Green B. Raum, Commissioner.

Samuel White was at Valley Forge, and received wounds at Monmouth from which he never recovered.

It is with regret that I omit the name of Seth Paine from this list, since from all that I have heard of him, and from the connection of his family with that of Gen. Putnam's, I am sure he served in the Revolutionary war. The Roster of Gen. Putnam's first Regiment, however, has been lost, and the names of those inscribed upon it are not included in the Connecticut Reports.

I also deeply regret that the army record of Nehemiah Williams can never be found, owing to reasons which I have given on another page.

COLONIAL RECORD.

Edward Morris, of Roxbury, Mass., and New Roxbury, or Woodstock, Conn., was Deputy to General Court from 1678 to 1686, inclusive. Ref. Records of Mass. [1674 to 1686], Vol. 1; p. 184, May 9, 1678; p. 210, May 28, 1679; p. 260, Feb. 4, 1679; p. 265, May 19, 1680; p. 302, Jan. 4, 1680; p. 308, May 11, 1689;

p. 351, May 24, 1682; p. 407, May 16, 1683; p. 420, Nov. 7, 1683; p. 437, May 7, 1684; p. 175, May 27, 1685; p. 514, May 12, 1686. He was first military officer of Woodstock, being chosen by the inhabitants of New Roxbury to serve as Lieutenant, July 8, 1689; endorsed by John Chandler, Joseph Bugbee and Benjamin Sabin. Confirmed by Ebenezer Prout Clerk, July 13, 1689. Consented to by the Governor, July 13, 1689. Ira Ad-dington, Secretary.

Edward Winship was Deputy to the General Court from May, 1681 to May 13, 1686, inclusive. Ref. Records of Mass., pages 308, 351, 407, 420, 437, 475, 541. Is called Lieutenant after 1684.

Stephen Paine was Deputy from 1663 to 1666, inclusive. It is difficult to separate the services of Stephen Paine, father and son, as they served in the same capacity, and were contemporaneous.

Peter Hunt was Deputy from 1672, four terms, to 1673, inclusive. Plymouth Col. Records, p. 90, June 5, 1672; p. 114, June 3, 1673; p. 135, Sept. 15, 1673.

SARAH EDMUNDSON.

No other person has been as difficult for me to trace clearly as Mrs. Sarah Player, veuve Williams, veuve Ormsby, nee Edmundson, and I have given here more of my experience in gaining a clue to her family and more copies of wills and conveyances than I have given in any other case, in the hope of assisting anyone who may care to further prosecute the search, and because, as far as I can learn, not a line of record on this family exists, except these I am writing.

Handed down to us under the name of Susan Plear, with hardly a letter of the name correct, it is not strange that the first week of our search for her ancestry in Wilmington, N. C., should have ended in disappointment. On the second, a glance at the will of Thomas Player, dated Aug. 23, 1795, seemed in some ways to connect him with one who afterward proved to be his son by his last marriage, Mr. Thomas Player, Jr., who I was told was the father of Mr. William Hilliard Player, of

Holly Shelter Creek, an acknowledged connection of our family. I was tempted to investigate, despite the stumbling block which arose in the name of his wife, Sarah, instead of Susan. To begin with, as a matter of interest to the Player family only, in my endeavor to assure myself of a correct lineage, I looked up the earliest wills of any one of the name of Player, to be found in the Court House in Wilmington, learning thereby that Richard Player 1, in his will dated March 13, 1754, mentions sons Richard 2, John 2, Stephen 2 and Thomas 2.

The will of Thomas second, mentions his wife, Sarah, and names of children as follows: John 3; Hester 3, married George Bannerman [marriages added as I ascertained them]; Rebecca 3, married Robert Bannerman; Naomi 3, married Washington Bannerman; Hannah 3, married ——— Houston; Thomas 3, married Bebecca Judge; Sarah 3, married John McCallum.

Date of will, Aug. 23, 1795; proved Sept. 1795. Witnesses: George Ormsby and Sarah Cowan.

Knowing that a family of Ormsbys was in some way connected with Mrs. Swaine, daughter of Mrs. Player by her second husband, Williams, the name of George Ormsby caught my eye. The will of a Thomas Player [abstract given below] I felt sure from some of the names of children mentioned must be the will of a relative of grandmother Swaine. I therefore copied from it all that interested me, and then set myself to the task of proving that Thomas second was father of the Thomas (3) Player, who married Rebecca Judge. This I could only do by ascertaining the marriages of each of the children of Thomas second, with the result as given above. I knew I must prove the matter beyond a doubt, or Sarah Player could never surplant, in the minds of our relatives, the traditional Susan, whose tombstone, in watercolored drawing, has been an object of veneration with them, time out of mind.

Thomas Player 3, married Rebecca Judge.

Children were [marriages added as ascertained]: Richard Jackson 4, never married; William Hilliard 4, married ——— Murray; Samuel 4, married Rebecca Bannerman; Thomas Wright 4, married Elizabeth Hall; Rebecca 4, married William A. Lamb.

Date of will, Sept. 1835. Speaks of property at Holly Shelter Creek.

As I had learned of nearly all these marriages through the traditional evidence of descendants of Thomas Player and Rebecca Judge, and as these descendants and our cousins agreed that they were in someway related, through their common ancestress, the last wife of a Mr. Player [no one presumed at that time to guess what his name might have been], I had no great difficulty in getting Susan Plear set aside for the Sarah Player named in the will. A difficulty now arose from an unexpected quarter, from a branch of the Player family hitherto unknown, who supposed their grandfather to have been named David. The will, however, with its accompanying evidence, the marriages, eventually reconciled them to Thomas, and the matter, as far as the given names of Mr. and Mrs. Player were concerned, was set at rest. As an instance of strange transformation of names, however, I must add that the name of Player appears upon the records of New Hanover county, as Player, Plear, Plair and Philliyaw, the first, however, being at present the accepted form, except in the case of the last instance, whose bearers, here in Wilmington, are not, perhaps, aware of the transformation; my authority for this statement being the Probate Judge, of New Hanover county, whose kindly assistance helped me much in my search.

The matter just about this time became further complicated by a confident assertion on the part of some of the Players that Thomas Player's wife was born a Williams, whereas, to be the one we sought, she must have been a widow Williams. We found upon investigation, that Thomas 2, Player's first wife had been a Williams, and his second a widow Williams. Now who was the widow Sarah Williams? The families of Mr. Hilliard Player, of Holly Shelter Creek, and Mr. Robert Williams were related, but were not clear as to the degree or the origin of the connection. This they may now read in the marriage of Mr. Thomas Player 2, and Rebecca Williams 2, but none of us knew of that marriage when I saw them at their homes. We, therefore, turned our attention to the family of Mr. Robert Williams, and traced it as follows, through wills.

David Williams married Hester.

Children were: David 2; Hannah 2; Rebecca 2, married Thomas Player 2; Henry 2.

Date of will, 1769. Proved, 1772.

Henry Williams 2, married Naomi Williams.*

Children were: David 3, married Susannah Portivent; Thomas 3, married ——— Larkins; Henry 3, married, first Bannerman, second Bannerman, third Nancy Smith; James 3; Rebecca 3; Rachel 3.

Date of will, 1809.

Mr. Robert Williams is son of Henry Williams 3, by his third wife, Nancy Smith.

Will gives as follows: Henry Williams 3, married Nancy Smith.

Children were: Phoebe 4, married ——— Boney; Harry 4; David 4, married Sarah Holmes; Rebecca Ann 4, married ——— Bordeaux [Mrs. Becky Ann Bordeaux, of Castel Hayne]; Susan 4; Andrew 4; James 4; Robert 4, married Margaret Bannerman; Samuel 4; George 4.

Date of will, 1840.

David Williams 3, married Susannah Portivent.

Children were: Hester 4, married Robert Bannerman.

Thomas Williams 3, married ——— Larkins.

Children were: Quincy 4; Grattan 4; Bruce 4 [Mr. Bruce Williams, of Bergaw] not of age in 1858; Thomas Henry 4; Cornelia 4; Emily 4.

Date of will, 1858.

This investigation carried, because it was easy to do it, further than it particularly interested us, left it clear that only one of this family could be our ancestor, viz., David of the second generation.

I turned to the Bannerman descendants for information. An interesting fact in connection with this family is, that before the Revolution the name was McGregory. One of the family, ancestor to those living here, carried the banner of the regiment to which he belonged, and for convenience was called "bannerman," a name which after the war he adopted as his own.

Robert Bannerman married Rebecca Player 3.

Children were: Robert 2, married Hester Williams; John P. Bannerman 2, married Wilson; Betsey 2; Hetty 2; Martha 2; Rebecca 2.

*Could she have been a child of Nehemiah Williams by a first marriage?

Robert Bannerman 2, married Hester Williams.

Children were [not given in correct sequence]: William Tate 3, Judge Bannerman, of Bergaw; John Knox 3; Eliza Jane 3; Susan Rebecca 3, married Dixie; Hester Ann 3; Martha 3; Sarah 3

John P. Bannerman 2, married, first ——— Wilson, second Eliza Alderman.

Children were: John married Laura Murphy [saw Mr. Bannerman at house of Robert T. Williams]; Margaret 3, married Robert T. Williams, of Holly Shelter Creek; Priscilla 3, married ——— Murphy; Mary 3, married ——— Henry; Julia 3, married McKeithan.

Robert B. Williams 4, and Margaret Bannerman 3, had the following [the most interesting family of daughters I have ever seen]: Eliza Morgan 5; Annie Wilson 5; Katie Shaw 5; Minnie George 5; Maggie Bannerman 5; Robbie Lou 5; Bennie Marable 5; Alberta Miller 5; Eleanor Tate 5.

George Bannerman first, married Naomi Player.

Children were: George Washington 2, married Naomi Player 3.

Children were: Phoebe Williams 3, married Collin Shaw [Mrs. P. W. Shaw, Magnolia, N. C.].

The search in the Bannerman family proved unsuccessful, as far as we were concerned, although I hope some of the family will be interested in what this pamphlet tells, and I hope those who are not interested will pardon the use of their names.

Mrs. Dixie had been mentioned to us as one who might tell us something of interest, but she knew little more than we already had learned. We were fast becoming notorious, however, and names by this time were frequently sent in to us of persons believed to “know more than anybody else” about it. We set out in search of them. We rode by rail for miles into the country, and drove still further into rustic neighborhoods, in fair weather and in rain, and in vehicles beggaring description. Our mules and horses were frequently as unusual as the “triumphal cars” we rode in. We forded swollen streams and

rivers, and ferried where the currents threatened to carry everything before them. Mr. Hilliard Player, at the end of one of our longest jaunts, could remember nothing, but referred us to his neighbor, Mr. Robert T. Williams, who, the youngest of his family, "had never been told." Mrs. Dixie had never "seen the people we sought," and therefore could not be expected to tell us ought of them. One lovely looking old lady, Mrs. William A. Lamb, *veuve* [address Mrs. Becky Ann Lamb, Keith., P. O. Pender Co.], told us, with the sweetest of smiles, that those we asked for "were before her time." Quite possible, since the youngest of them died in 1816.

I had hoped at the outset to find somewhere a family Bible such as Mr. Simon March Chase had brought out for inspection on our visit to Cornish, N. H., in 1886, which gave a direct line of father and son, from 1640 down to Prudence Chase, wife of my great grandfather.

I soon learned why none could be produced. In the early days of the Colony frequent visitations from hostile Indians kept the immigrants in a state of uncertainty and unrest. The war of the Revolution found one of its most active centers in Wilmington and its vicinity, attested by earth-works still remaining.

In one branch of the family [that of our since discovered great, great grandfather, Nehemiah Williams], the father left his family, consisting of his wife and five small children, three Ormsby and two Williams, to enter the army. As soon as he went away Mrs. Williams secreted all her valuables, and when the British came along, finding no plunder which they could carry away with them, they turned the horses and mules and every living animal on the Plantation, into the roads and burned the houses.

This, however, was but a small part of the mischief incident to the visitation, for the army at the time was convalescing from small-pox, which they communicated to the slaves on the place, causing the death of all but one, the negress, Belle, who,

it was decided should become the property of the only girl in the family, Susan Williams, who afterward became the wife of John Weeks.

This was but one of the many stories we heard of suffering and loss in Revolutionary times. During the interim, between the war of the Revolution and that of the Rebellion, the country prospered wonderfully, but again poor New Hanover county was the scene of action, and when peace was declared the inhabitants found themselves with literally nothing but the soil remaining to them. And now, and for the last twenty years the struggle has been to renew the shelter over their heads, and keep their taxes paid. Life so close to the soil has kept their tastes simple, their maners quiet and subdued, but it has preserved to them a firm faith in religion, centered for the greater part in the Presbyterian church, and a rigid determination to educate their children. I could see how the family records had been lost.

As to public documents and records, upon the fall of Fort Fisher it became apparent that Wilmington must soon come into the hands of the Northern army.

In an effort to preserve the papers in the Court House from destruction, they were at once taken into the woods near the city and buried. When the war was over, and the papers were brought back, those previously familiar with them knew that many had been lost or destroyed, but as no list of them had ever been made, it was impossible to know which or what their value. Since the war all wills, conveyances and receipts and in short all documents of interest to anyone, have been copied into folios and placed on file in the Court House, index has been compiled and the Clerk of the Superior Court and the Register of Deeds can procure any paper in their several departments, within ten minutes after the request is made.

We were becoming disheartened, when one afternoon Mrs. Martha Lamb brought in the name of a newly discovered

descendant of Mr. George Ormsby, Mrs. Sarah Williams Player's child by her first husband. We were in the street in a moment, and on our way to the residence of Mrs. Dora Reiley, on Church street, between 3d and 4th.

Her line of descent from Mrs. Sarah Ormsby Williams Player ran thus:

George Ormsby married Sarah [she could not give the maiden name, the one we sought].

George 2, married Annie Cowan.

Robert 3, married Elizabeth ———.

Sarah Caroline 4, married ——— Armstrong.

Dora Armstrong 5, married ——— Reiley.

Here at least was a descendant of Mrs. Player by her first marriage, who was able to give her own line of descent, and the name of Mrs. Martha Caroline Cowan [daughter of George Ormsby and Annie Cowan, and granddaughter of Mrs. Player], still alive, and residing with her son "near Bergaw."

Undaunted by the rain we set off for the above town the next morning, trusting to our hitherto good luck to bring us fair weather as the day advanced, for our drive of several miles into the country. This time Fortune deserted us, and, guided by our old-time friend, Mr. Rivenbark, who, mounted upon a mule and carrying an umbrella from which the water hourly poured in torrents, himself presented no trivial spectacle, we took our solemn way [cousin William and I], six and one-half miles into the country, over wretched roads and swollen streams, in a buggy beggaring description, and drawn by a horse subject to "blind staggers," to find that Mrs. Cowan had been removed to the city by her children, and was living with one of them, at 913 Third St. North.

Alighted from the train at six that evening we went at once to the above address to learn the name we had so long sought, that of Sarah Edmundson, who married, first George Ormsby, second Nehemiah Williams, third Thomas Player. After that all was clear. In looking over the wills and records

in the Court House I had, in my uncertainty regarding the Williams family, made notes, not only from the will of David Williams, but also from the family of John, who may have been brothers, and whose descendants had intermarried.

John Williams had not only been very business-like in his transactions, but had apparently had in mind those who should come after him, in just such investigations as we were pursuing, for, in a conveyance of property made by him in 1752, he explained that his well beloved wife, Rachel, was daughter of James John, and that Nathaniel was her brother. This identified Mrs. John William, and other papers, copies of which appear hereafter, showed that Nehemiah was the son of John and Rachel Williams.

“I thank you for coming to see me, you who are a stranger, and I so old, so poor and blind and lame. Good-bye; God bless you, my dear child; pray for me.” I remembered the prayers of “the righteous” and fain would have implored her petitions in our behalf instead. The world had not dealt kindly with Martha Caroline Ormsby, “since the war,” but it had blessed her with devoted children, and a faith which penury and loss of sight had not impaired. Not of near kin to us, she still had much to tell us of those who were, and I cannot refrain from writing all that she told me, in honor of her retentive memory and in gratitude for the assistance it gave me in identifying Sarah Edmundson.

Mrs. Cowan’s father, George Ormsby, as we already knew, had married Annie Cowan.

Children were: Robert Cowan 2, married Elizabeth [ancestor of Mrs. Reiley]; William Edmundson 2; John Risen 2; Hugh 2; Margaret 2; Mary Eliza 2; Susan Emma 2; Catherine Ann 2; Martha Caroline 2, married —— Cowan.

Sarah Edmundson lived with each of her three husbands, Ormsby, Williams, Player, about a quarter of a mile from the four corners, a mile east of Bergaw, on the road which leads to Bannerman’s, on the site of the old Moravian Church.

Will of John Williams.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, John Williams, of the Welch Tract, in the County of New Hanover, and Province of North Carolina, yeoman, being in perfect health of body and of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and that "it is ordained for men once to die," do make and ordain this, my last will and testament, in manner and form following; that is to say:

First and chiefly I recommend my soul to God who gave it, hoping through the merits and intercession of my blessed Savior, for the redemption of my sins, and my body I commit to the earth, to be decently buried in a Christian-like manner, at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named.

And for what goodly estate it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of it in manner and form following:

Imprimis: I order, and it is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged by my Executrix hereinafter named.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rachel Williams, one riding horse and side saddle, and also the plantation whereon I now live, with the tracts or tract of land thereto belonging, to be possessed by her during her natural life, and after her decease, to be disposed of in manner and form following:

Item: I will and bequeath to my second son, Nehemiah Williams, that tract or tracts of land containing two hundred acres, lying and being known by the name of Jonakin, to be possessed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I order, and it is my will that the plantation whereon I now dwell, after the decease of my well-beloved wife, Rachel Williams, shall go to my third son, Stephen Williams, to be possessed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto each of my children, two cows and calves, to be delivered to them separately by my Executrix hereinafter named, at the age of twenty-one, or the day of their marriage, whichever shall first happen.

Item: I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels not heretofore given, to my well-beloved wife, Rachel Williams, to be possessed by her during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between my children. But in case of her marriage, she is to take one-third, and the rest to be equally divided between my children.

Item: I constitute, make and ordain my well-beloved wife, Rachel Williams, to be my whole and sole Executrix of this, my last will and testament.

Lastly: I do hereby revoke and disannul all and every other former wills and testaments, by me made, either in word or writing, ratify this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and sixty. JOHN WILLIAMS, [seal.]

Proved April Court, 1769.

The Welch Tract, of which John Williams calls himself a resident, is that portion of land lying on the east bank of the Northeast Branch of the Cape Fear river, extending thence to the sea, and Jonakin we eventually found was probably a tract of land lying on the west side of the Northeast Branch, about a mile below Bannerman's bridge, in the neighborhood of the present Robert Williams place. The fine sounding old Indian name has so degenerated, that for a moment no one thought to connect it with what is now called in local parlance, Johnny Cake Creek.

Rachel Williams, in 1752, in a conveyance of property, acknowledges that she received one negro woman named Nancy, and all the hogs on the plantation of James John, as a portion of her inheritance from his estate.

The will of James John, dated Aug. 7, 1747, proved June 23, 1748, mentions wife Hannah, and children: Philip; Rachel; Ruth; Nathaniel.

He calls himself of the Welch Tract as does John Williams, and devises property in Charles Town, Province of Pennsylvania, which he says he bought of Griffith John.

NEW HANOVER CO., PROVINCE OF N. C.

This indenture, made this 20th day of April, A. D. 1779, between Nehemiah Williams and Sarah his wife, of New Hanover, in the Province aforesaid, of the one part, and Thomas Ramsey, of the County and Province aforesaid, of the other part, witnesseth: That the said Nehemiah Williams and Sarah his wife, for and in consideration of two hundred pounds lawful money of the state, to them paid by Thomas Ramsey, hath given, granted, etc., all that plantation tract or parcel of land situate in New Hanover County, on the east side of the North East River, of Cape Fear, beginning on both sides of the Bare Springs Creek [Branch], and running thence south 25 east 86

poles to a pine by the corner of a bay pond; thence south 10 degrees east 94 poles, to a small red oak sappling, by the side of Bare Springs Branch; thence north 25 degrees west 220 poles; thence to the beginning, which land was granted to Rachel Williams by His Majesty King George the Third, by a patent bearing date Jan. 22, 1773, as by the patent on record in Secretary's office of this Province, relation being thereto had as may more large and fully appear containing two hundred acres by estimation, which land fell to James Williams by the death of mother Rachel Williams, and being heir, and by the death of the said James Williams, it fell to Nehemiah Williams, brother to James.

To have and to hold the said land, situated as aforesaid, with all the appurtenances, etc., to him, the said Thomas Ramsey, his heirs and administrators and assigns forever. And the said Nehemiah Williams and Sarah his wife, for themselves, their heirs, administrators and assigns, doth covenant, grant, etc., with the said Thomas Ramsey.

Witness, the said Nehemiah Williams and Sarah his wife have hereunto set this our hand, and affixed our seals, this day and year first above mentioned.

HENRY BLAKE and

NEHEMIAH WILLIAMS, [seal.]

WILLIAM BLAKE,

SARAH WILLIAMS, [seal.]

Witnesses.

Deed proved, Oct. Term, 1782. Reg., Jan. 29, 1783. Thos. M. Lain, Clerk.

This deed gave evidence that Nehemiah Williams' wife was named Sarah, that he was living in April, 1779, and that he was veritably the son of John and Rachel Williams, and that James was probably the first son, who for some reason was not provided for in his father's will.

The lineage of the great grandmother, whose name even had so long been forgotten, was traced and proved from 1750 to the present time.

The name of Williams has found occasional place in Carolina Records, ever since 1663, when it appears as that of Roger Williams, fixing the boundry line of a grant of land, adjoining one which he already held.

In Feb. 1693, Jenkins Williams appeared in Perquiman county Court to prove his title to land, and at the same time Joseph Williams came into like notice.

In the same court, 1696, Abraham Williams proved for himself, his wife and two sons, Edward and John.

Jenkins Williams and Joanna, his wife, in same Court, Jan. 1697, acknowledged an assignment of land.

Aug. 25, 1710, William Williams, who may have been the father of John, a supposition finding support in the fact that Nehemiah Williams called his son William, appears as Vestryman in the Parish of Carahtruck, and in a law suit in which he appears as defendant, Oct. 10, 1704, his wife's name is given as Susannah.

I felt a little curious to learn in whose hands the plantation of Jonakin now rested, and found that it is at present under litigation, but has passed from the Williams family, probably by conveyance of Sarah Williams to Owen Murray, and Robt. Sharpless, and into the hands of John Watkins. Owen Murray had married Sarah Margaret, daughter of George Ormsby and granddaughter of Sarah [Edmundson] Ormsby Williams Player.

Marriage Settlement of Susan Weeks and John Christian.

This indenture made on the 17th day of Dec. 1831, between Susan Weeks, of the town of Wilmington, N. C., spinster, of the one part, and Edward B. Dudley, of the town aforesaid, of the other part. Witnesseth: That whereas, by Godly permission, a marriage is shortly to be had and solmenized between Susan Weeks, spinster, and John Christian, and whereas, the said John Christian for good cause and consideration is desirous that the property belonging to the said Susan Weeks previous to the contemplated marriage, consisting of sundry negro slaves, bedding, furniture, piano and piano stool, etc., hereafter more particularly described, should be settled and accrued to her for her own sole use, benefit, and behoof, and of such children as may be lawfully begotten with the said Susan Weeks, his consenting appearing by his subscribing to this instrument. Further witnesseth: That the said Susan Weeks, spinster, for and in consideration of one dollar to her in hand paid by the said Edward B. Dudley, the receipt of which the said Susan Weeks, spinster, doth acknowledge, and for divers and other good causes and considerations hereunto moving, the said Susan Weeks, hath granted, bargained, sold and delivered and confirmed to the said Edward B. Dudley, the following property, viz.: A negro slave called Violet, a negro slave called Nelly, a negro slave called Flora, a negro slave called Iris, a negro slave called Eliza, also a negro slave called James; one piano forte, and its accompanying stool, six beds and their necessary furniture, also one bedstead, one mahogany

table, one washstand, to have and to hold and singular, the said properties so described, unto the said Edward B. Dudley, his heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, for uses, intents and conditions hereafter declared and expressed. That is to say, a trust for the entire and absolute use, benefit and behoof of the said Susan Weeks in trust for her use during her natural life, and after the decease of the said Susan Weeks, in trust for the use, benefit and behoof of the heirs of the body of the said Susan Weeks and John Christian, and their heirs, lawfully begotten, and in the default of issue, to the use, benefit and behoof of the said John Christian, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, the said Susan Weeks, spinster, hath hereunto set her name and affixed her seal, the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of the wards,
EDWARD B. DUDLEY. SUSAN WEEKS, [seal.]

ANTHONY MILAN.

I hereby affirm and declare that I have read the above instrument of writing, acknowledge and avow the same to have been made conformably to my desire and with my entire approbation. Witness my hand and seal, the day and year before mentioned.

JOHN CHRISTIAN, [seal.]

Signed and sealed in presence of

JOHN MILAN,

Court of New Hanover Co., March Term, 1832.

The execution of this deed was drawn by Anthony Milan and ordered to be registered, 1833.

Witness, JOHN STANLEY, Clerk.

Deed.

June 17, 1830. To Sarah Ann French, daughter of George R. French: By and in consideration of the natural affection which I have to my beloved niece, I have given and granted a certain negro slave called Evilena, aged about four years.

[Signed] SUSAN WEEKS.

Witness, JOHN B. BROWNLOW.

It has not been my intention, in this pamphlet, to mention the names of any members of the family of the present generation now living, thinking, as I do, that each person who feels interested and shall possess a copy, can fill out on the blank pages, bound into it, his own particular connection with any family mentioned, saving in that way both in size and expense of the book, and making each copy, in a certain way, more private in its nature. But I cannot forbear mentioning cousin Sue and cousin Hattie, both of the branch of the family which has occupied these last pages. Those names, commonplace though they be, have in my mind become synonymous with "ministering angel." At the pillow of the sick and of the dying, I have learned how good it is for me to call them friends and kinswomen.



